



Brigadier General WILLIAM B. GARRETT III
Commander
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(Airborne)

Brigadier General William B. Garrett III is a native of Valdosta, Georgia; he graduated from North Georgia College in 1984. He was commissioned through the Reserve Officer Training Command as a U.S. Army Second Lieutenant in the Infantry Branch. His subsequent military education includes: the Infantry Officer Basic and Advances Courses, the Army Command and General Staff College and the National War College. Brigadier General Garrett also earned a Masters Degree in Management

from Webster University, a Masters Degree in Advanced Military Studies from the Command and General Staff College and a Masters Degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the National Defense College.

Brigadier General Garrett first served in the 82nd Airborne Division as a Rifle and Support Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer and later again as a Battalion Operations Officer and Executive Officer. While on his first tour he deployed to Grenada in support of OPERATION URGENT FURY. He was an Airborne Company Commander and an Operations and Training Officer in both Fort Wainwright and Fort Richardson, Alaska. He served as the War Plans Chief for XVIII Airborne Corps during OPERATION UPHOLD DEMOCRACY. He served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Commanding General, 6th Infantry Division (Light); the Executive Officer to the Chief of Staff, United States Army, Washington, DC.; and then as the Assistant to the Commander-in-Chief, United States Special Operations Command.

Brigadier General Garrett commanded C Company, 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, Fort Wainwright, Alaska; 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and 1st Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light), in both Fort Drum, New York and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, Afghanistan

His joint assignments include United States Special Operations Command and Deputy Director for Operations, National Military Command Center, J-3.

His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He is Ranger qualified and has earned the Combat Infantryman Badge (with Star), Master Parachutist Badge, Pathfinder Badge, the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge and the Army Staff Identification Badge.